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Westland can produce more than 1,000 Relay for Life cancer-fighters

OK, so Canton had over 1,000 people at their Relay for Life. To Westland participants, I say, "We can do better." Cancer strikes us all, and it is hitting younger and younger people.

I encourage the dynamic, caring, and devoted families of Westland to stop by Central City Park, and you will leave feeling better about yourself, your neighbor, and our city as a whole.

Take an hour or two out of your busy schedule next weekend. I know those flowers need to get planted. But please, if you truly believe this dreaded disease must be stopped, show up to walk the walk instead of talking the talk!

Paving bumpy Henry Ruff more important than electric sign

I'm glad Inkster found the money for an electric sign for the recreation complex. Do you think there's any money left to repave Henry Ruff?

It's nice to know that Henry Ruff will continue to disintegrate on a daily basis but at least the City of Inkster will have a new toy to play with.

Restaurant guides ignore Canton's and Westland's eateries

I enjoy Ben E. Jet's column. I'm glad that he's not intimidated by politically correct thinking.

I work at a Canton restaurant and agree that most area dining guides ignore Westland and Canton.

In the Free Press, there are 15 restaurants mentioning Ferndale, Royal Oak, Detroit — not one from our area.

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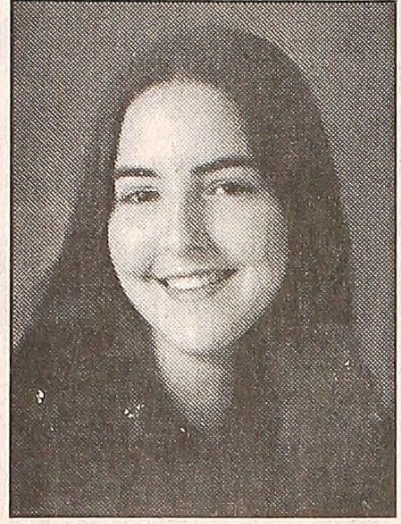
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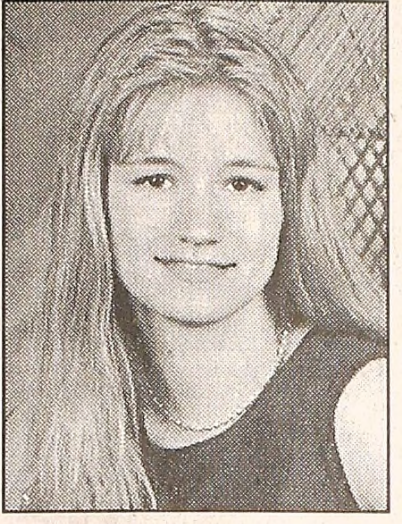
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Four earn top student honors



ANDREA DELINE- High School Activities include National Honor Society, French Club, Cropwalk and Wick Elementary Science Night. Plans to attend the University of Michigan and study medicine. GPA- 4.119.



EMILY SCHULTZ- High School Activities include National Honor Society, Symphony Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, track, quiz bowl, Cropwalk, and Wick Elementary Science Night. Plans to attend Michigan Technological University and study engineering and math. GPA- 4.093.



RONDRA LEE- High School Activities include basketball, track, National Honor Society, listed in Who's Who Among High School Students, Wick Elementary Science Fair and Santa's Helper. Plan to attend the University of Michigan and study biology. GPA- 4.027.



TRACIE MARIE FINLEY- High School Activities include Business Professionals of America, Ambassador Torch Award, Teach the Community, Type-a-thon for Leukemia Society, National Honor Society. Plans to attend Dorsey Business School and study computer repair. GPA- 4.0

News in Brief

FBI seeks church basketball player

The FBI visited the offices of The ROMULUS ROMAN last week in an effort to find the armed robbers who held up an armored truck at The Auto Zone on Van Born Road two weeks ago.

A photo in our sports section three weeks ago pictured a church basketball team that had just won a major championship. One of the men pictured in the photo is a prime suspect in the robbery. Thus the FBI want to question our sports editor, Tom Mooradian as to how he obtained the photo and did he know how to contact the suspect.

We gladly parted with the photo and wished the agents good luck in their efforts to find the basketball playing bandit.

Underage drinkers targeted

The Romulus Police and Central Distributors, local distributor of Anheuser Busch beers, are teaming up to prevent illegal underage purchase and consumption of alcohol, and drunk driving.

In May all retail licensees in Romulus received drivers license books, ID cards, a videotape, and a poster to help clerks verify the age of their customers.

"The beer industry actively promotes responsible consumption of our products- and it's making a difference," said Karen Wilson, president and CEO of Central Distributors. "By teaming up with the police we hope to make Romulus a safer place to be," she added.

Romulus officer, Damian Hull seconded that statement. "The Romulus police feel the same way," he said. "In the next few weeks we will be conducting sting operations to make sure stores in Romulus are doing a good job checking ID's," he added.

Foundation forms, plans dinner

The Romulus Foundation has been formed to help families in need. The brainchild of Bob Fennelly, the group is currently planning their first fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner to be held June 9th at the VFW Hall. All proceeds will be used to help cover medically related expenses for leukemia victim, Halecreek Elementary student, Shannon Spicer.

The founding members and board of directors are Fennelly as President, Tina Brooks-Green is treasurer, Keith Johnston was named vice-president, Brian Oakley is second vice-president and Bob Thorne, secretary.

For more information on the spaghetti dinner call Brian Oakley at 941-4462.

Pre-School open house June 6

An open house for the Romulus Head Start program will be held from 10-2 on June 6, at Beverly School, 35408 Beverly Road in Romulus. The pre-school program for 3 and 4 year old children is provided free to low income families. Call 727-9920 for more information.

State-of-Art truck facility breaks ground

By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Special Writer

Madco Trucking recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate its new facility to be built on Inkster Road, just north of Ecorse Road.

Present to commemorate the event were Romulus Mayor William Oakley, Madco Owners Ed and Joe Farhat, and representatives of Comerica Bank who provided the business loan.

The new 14,000 square foot facility will include a 3500-foot Truck Wash, offices, retail storefront, and a truck lubrication station.

The truck washing station will be completely automatic and 100% environmentally friendly. According to Madco owner Joe Farhat, the truck washing process will be as follows.

The water from the facility will be completely recycled that rinses off the trucks, and will go into it's own tank, where it will be filtered and re-filtered till pure.

The soil, dirt, grime, and grease that will be removed from the trucks will go to a 8000-gallon concrete tank, to be held. Once there, bacteria will be injected into the tank, which will "eat" away the contaminants; so that after some time, only clean, healthy soil will remain.

Because of this ultra-modern technology, according to Farhat, "The truck station will not release any water into the sewer or storm drain."

The Farhats chose Romulus because of its available infrastructure for transportation related services. Currently, the Farhats own



The Madco groundbreaking ceremony was attended by (left to right) Joe Farhat (owner), Marg Sawyer, Comerica vice-president, Mayor William Oakley, and Amal Berry, Comerica assistant vice-president. In the back row are Ed Farhat (co-owner) and Matthew Lucas, President of Lucas Construction. Photo by Gena Giannuzzi.

the Citgo station on Ecorse and Middlebelt, the Marathon station on Ecorse and Inkster, and have

been in the city since 1990. Farhat expects 25 to 30 new jobs to be added because of their

investment, and the \$5 million truck facility is scheduled to open in mid-August of this year.



The National Honor Society induction ceremony featured four members who each won \$10,000 Eastern Michigan University Regents' Scholarships. From left to right are Emily Schultz, Tara Brown, William Gibson, Board of Education Trustee Betty Lenossi and Amy Hudson.

NHS inducts eighteen

The Romulus High School Chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 18 new members at its annual induction ceremony. The 31 member group is under the direction of faculty advisor Alberta Garrett.

The candle lighting ceremony included excerpts on character by Jehiquita Tucker, leadership by Tara Brown, scholarship by Andrea Deline and service by Sultan Sharrief. Vice-President Rondra Lee and President Kim Mingo lead the induction ceremony while secretary Amy Hudson and William Gibson conducted the Special Honoree Ceremony.

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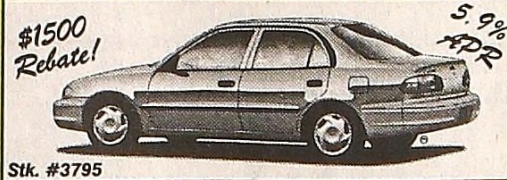


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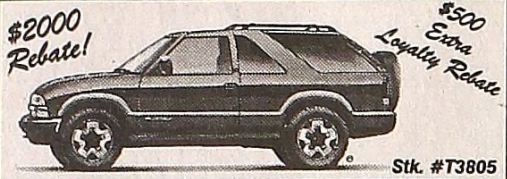


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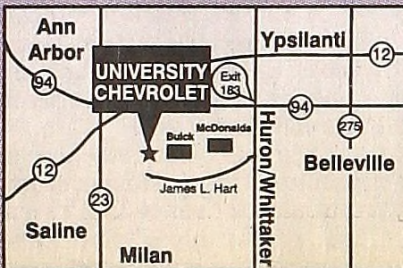
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE



Scholarship recipients

Wayne Civitan Club members last week presented scholarships to four outstanding seniors who will be graduating from the Wayne-Westland Community high schools this month. The scholarship recipients are Joshua Schofield, Kristan Farago, Steven Tamaroglio and April Ponkow. Each received \$500 toward their college education. The awards were based on academic achievement as well as their community involvement activities. A book dedicated to each student was also donated to the Wayne Public Library. Pictured above with Wayne Civitan member Beverly Woodard (at left) and Wayne Civitan President Ron Kulas (at right) are scholarship winners Joshua Schofield (from left), Kristan Farago and Steven Tamaroglio. Ponkow was not available at the time of the photo.

Gubernatorial hopeful to speak to Wayne Dems

A state senator who wants to be the next governor of the State of Michigan will be the keynote speaker at the June 13 meeting of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club.

Alma Wheeler Smith, who is serving her second term in the Michigan Senate as the representative of the 18th District, is an announced candidate for governor. She's in good company - former Governor James Blanchard, State Senator Gary Peters, Michigan's Attorney General Jennifer Granholm are just of the few announced gubernatorial candidates who have made their pitch for local support.

"She is a highly-respected, well-qualified candidate," said Cliff Johnson, president of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club. "Smith offers our members yet another opportunity to hear and ask questions of a candidate who wants to be our next governor."

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

In her first term as a senator representing Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and most of Washtenaw County, Smith managed to pass legislation regulating personal protection orders between juveniles and their parents and guardians. She guided into law a 50 bill technical package and one

constitutional amendment which replaced the term "handicap" with the term "disability", bringing Michigan into conformity with federal terminology.

Smith also has had key budget amendments on health care and environment adopted into law.

Born in 1941 in Columbia, South Carolina, Smith moved her family to Ann Arbor in 1943. The senator now shares her old farm house in Salem Township with three dogs and three cats, the remaining domesticated pet menagerie left behind by three, now adult, children

Konopka Reimers named as National Merit finalists

Seniors Nikolai Reimers, of John Glenn High School, and Eric Konopka, of Wayne Memorial, have become National Merit Finalists — an award granted to less than one percent of the nation's graduating seniors.

"He's a math and computer genius," said Jack Hammons, Nikolai's counselor. "He chews up the advanced calculus class at Schoolcraft. If there's a computer question he can't answer, there's probably no answer."

Nikolai came to John Glenn late in his freshman year from the Upper Peninsula.

For the past two years, he has designed and maintained the John Glenn High School Web page, which last year was named the best precollege Web site in the nation last year.

As a junior, he was named as one of Michigan's top 100 students in the Michigan Math Prize Competition Test.

Nikolai performs with John Glenn's symphonic orchestra. He also co-edits the school's literary magazine.

He plans on attending the Uni-



Eric Konopka

versity of Michigan or the University of Wisconsin where he may major in computer.

Eric, who has a 4.1 GPA. He's currently taking four Advanced Placement classes in calculus, English, Spanish and chemistry. "We had to invent a Spanish literature class from him," said Jim Couillard, his counsellor.

Last summer he attended Northern Michigan University to study the geology of the Great Lakes region.

Eric has won Wayne-Westland school spelling bees from 1994-1997. He won the district spelling bee in 1997. He placed seventh out of 343 students in the state for



Nikolai Reimers

level three Spanish in the National Spanish Examination.

"Teachers come to him for advice," Couillard said.

When Eric is not in school, he participates in scouting. Eric achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in March of 1999.

He also volunteers at the Wayne Public Library, where he instructs library patrons in using the library's electronic card catalog system as well as the internet on-line service.

Eric will attend MIT in Boston, Massachusetts where he will pursue a degree in Management Information Systems.

D.A.R.E. receives \$2,324

The buffet benefit at recently-opened Cleopatra's Restaurant staged to raise funds for Wayne's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program put an additional \$2,324 into the fund to educate children about how to say 'no' to illegal drugs.

Police Chief Mike Sumeracki informed city council last week the benefit buffet was a success.

"We sold 232 tickets and 193 people attended the buffet," Sumeracki said. "As a new business owner in the city, Mr. (Tony) Abou-Dib's support and generous contribution to the Wayne D.A.R.E. program is greatly appreciated."

Congratulations On Your Engagement



Rebecca Leigh Markin of Plymouth and Paul Leonard Skoczylas of Plymouth, will be wed June 9, 2001 at St. Alphonsas Church in Dearborn.

Rebecca has earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and is currently employed by Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Paul will be graduating in October with a Degree in Finance from Cleary College and is currently employed by United Rentals.

Parents of the Bride: James Markin of Wayne and Susan White of Redford.

Parents of the Groom: Leonard and Beverly Skoczylas of Dearborn.

'Relay for Life' set for June 2

Elliott Elementary students in the Wayne-Westland Community School District will participate in Westland's 'Relay for Life - A Walk for Cancer.'

The walk will take place between 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on June 2 from the school, 33800 Bennington. The walk focuses on the importance of maintaining a healthy body and mind and also on cancer awareness.

For more information, contact Johnnye Summerville, Elliott School principal, at 734-595-2545.

On a separate note, third, fourth and fifth grade students at Vandenberg Elementary School will perform their Spring Vocal Music Concert at 1:30 p.m. June 6.

The concert is under the directorship of music teacher Jane Rector.



Pierce Nathaniel Slebodnik

Born: February 5, 2001 at 2:50 p.m. weighing 6 lbs., 0 oz

19" in length

Proud Parents: Michelle Howard & Jeff Slebodnik of Garden City

Grand Parents: Karen Slebodnik of Wayne & Jeff Cronley Of Kentucky

Olga & Willie Howard of Detroit

Baby's Brothers/Sisters: Robert Age 5, Anjelica Age 3 & Preston (Newborn)

Alec Nathan Carey

Born: April 20, 2001 at 12:51 a.m. weighing 10 lbs., 2 oz

20" in length

Proud Parents: Mark & Sheri Carey of Westland

Grand Parents: Brian & Denise Lawrence of Canton Larry & Dottie Carey of Westland John & Karen Wright of Florida

Baby's Sisters: Ashley & Adrian



Preston Alexandre Slebodnik

Born: February 5, 2001 at 2:54 p.m. weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz

20" in length

Proud Parents: Michelle Howard & Jeff Slebodnik of Garden City

Grand Parents: Karen Slebodnik of Wayne & Jeff Cronley Of Kentucky

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Baby's Brothers/Sisters: Robert Age 5, Anjelica Age 3 & Pierce (Newborn)

D'Nayha Shanai Williams

Born: May 5, 2001 weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz

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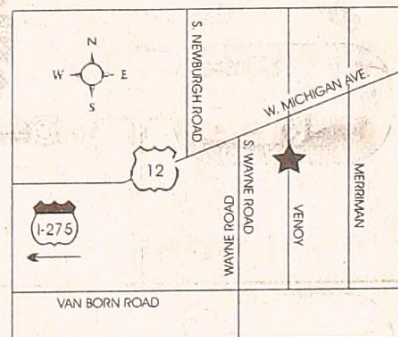


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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER



Seventy units representing 2,800 participants, including the VFW Allison Post, and the historic Washtenaw County Buffalo Soldiers, (at right) participated in the record-setting 32nd Inkster Memorial Day Parade. The parade was staged Monday and drew a record crowd of 6,000 spectators, the largest in the parade's 32-year history. Photos by Reggie Bradley



A record crowd of 6,000 views Inkster's Memorial Day parade

Despite the constant threat of rain and inclement weather that plagued Southeast Michigan and much of the state during the holiday weekend, a record 6,000 spectators lined the parade route making the 32nd Annual Inkster Memorial Day Parade the largest in its history.

Approximately 2,800 participants representing 70 units made their way from Cherry Hill Plaza to the program site at the Civic Center where the solemn ceremony honoring those who fought and died to preserve freedom and liberty was conducted under a clouded sky that at times surrendered to the sun.

"This is a parade that most, if not all, will remember as the best in a history of great parades," said Ron Wolkowicz, parks and recreation director.

"I think I can speak for all of us who participated in this year's parade, it was really a momentous occasion. I was really proud to be a part of all of it."

Six high school marching bands, as well as other musical groups, entertained the crowds throughout the parade and at the program site.

The list of names of those who were killed in action on the battlefields in defense of the nation were read.

Special recognition also was afforded Charlie Davis, who served as Honorary Parade Marshall for the 32nd annual parade.

Also, Danesha Latham, winner of the Memorial Day Parade Theme Contest, was introduced and recognized. Danesha's theme of *Give Them the Glory and Honor* was chosen from the scores of entries by the contest committee as the most suitable for the 2001 Parade. She was awarded a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond for her efforts. Jerry Carnaghi, who has served as the parade's Master of Ceremony for the past 17 years, was again honored for his services.

The Memorial Day Committee also presented a plaque to V.F. W. Allison Post, 9041. The plaque listed the names of the Post's past members.

The invocation and benediction was offered by the Reverend George Johnson and the crowds heard musical selections by Nikki Chisholm.

As it has been traditional with past parades, the program closed

with award presentations to the winners in various categories to parade participants.

In the category of **Most Original Float**, the award went to Inkster Golden Gate Lodge 973; For **Best Theme** in the parade, the Southwest Block Club emerged as the winner, while the Detroit Cody High School R.O.T.C. marched off with the **Best Group Appearance** by a non-musical group.

The award for **Best Group Appearance** by a Musical Group went to Westwood School District's Robichaud High School Marching Band.

The Memorial Day Committee, responsible for putting together the program and the units for the parade included such notables as Ron Wolkowicz (Parade Director), Charlie Davis (Parade Marshall), Jerry Carnaghi (Master of Ceremony), Debbie Allen (Parade Coordinator), John T. Taylor, Morris Arrington, Joseph Chisholm, Booker T. Dozier, Robert Crenshaw, Lewis Gregory, Carol Williams, Bandy Sanders, Robert Johnson, James Baldwin and Kimberly Turner.

OBITUARIES

KUJAT, DOLORES L. (GURTA), 71 of Wayne, passed away May 7. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Dear mother of seven, grandmother of twenty-four, great-grandmother of twelve. Also survived by two brothers. Funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

McGOWAN, LEONA C., 81 of Wayne, passed away May 7. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of Barbara (Robert) Kopt, Robert (Margaret), Linda (Richard) Kujala, and Michael (Amy). Also survived by twelve grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren. Funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

MUSCATELL, JOHN W., 92 of Belleville, passed away May 8. Beloved husband of the late Florence Muscatell. Dear father of Ann (William) Muscatell of Belleville. Dear son of the late Herman and Joan (DePaul) Muscatell. Preceded in death by his wife, five brothers, and two sisters. Survived by three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. He was employed by Owens Illinois of Rosemont, Minn. He was a member of the K of C and American Legion in Minnesota. He also served his country in the U.S. Navy. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, where he was a member, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment followed at St. Tobias Cemetery in Rockaway, Penn. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

PENNINGTON, CLARENCE, 65 of Romulus, passed away May 14. Loving husband of Teresa Pennington of Detroit. Dear brother of Elza Pennington of Romulus; Donald Pennington of Cleveland, OH; and Francis Stanley of Hillard, OH. Preceded in

death by siblings Hubert, Hershell, Milford, Ellis, Ronald, Ray Eugene, Thelma, Ethel, and Bridie Louise. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Hyvaman of Romulus Freewill Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

PONDER, ETHEL, 77 of Romulus (born in Valdosta, GA to John and Otis Smith), passed away April 23. She used to play basketball, cook, sew, clean fish, canning and gardening. She leaves behind her children Beverly, Ellean, Brenda, Pricilla, Fannie Mae, Aaron, Eugene, Kenneth, Joseph, and Orlando; twelve grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Annapolis Park Church of Christ.

PORZONDEK, ALICE "Nana", 88 of Belleville, passed away May 16. Beloved wife of the late Bernard. Dear mother of Pat Cullin and Shirley (Kenneth) Carnahan, both of Belleville. Dear daughter of the late Thomas and Emily (McKenna) Dowdell. Dear sister of Kathleen Davids of Belleville, Thomas Dowdell of Wayne, and

William (Ethel) Dowdell of California. Also survived by fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Gerald, and brother John George Dowdell. She was employed as a licensed Practical Nurse for Wayne County General Hospital. She was also a member of the Democratic Club, Wayne County Retirees, and the Kaiser-Frazer. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, spending time with her grandchildren, and was an avid reader keeping up on all the current events. Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Thomas Cusick as celebrant. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

RYBSKI, STEPHAN, 70 of Canton, passed away May 14. Loving father of Stephan Rybski, Denise (Steven) Julian, Rachel (Nick) Zuk, Lorelei (Robert) Anderson, and Rebecca Rybski. Dear brother of Stella Loncz. Also survived by five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht funeral Home with Rev. Robert McDonald. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the American lung Association.

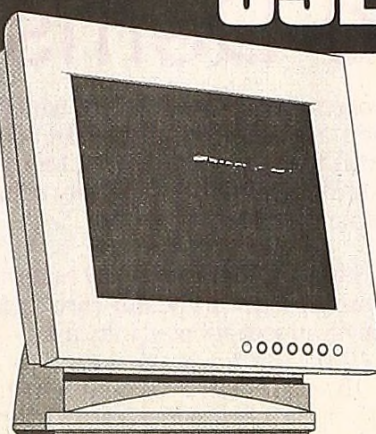
CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT SPECIAL AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE City Council met at 6:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 30, 2001 for Special Meeting to discuss the Proposed 2001-2002 City of Inkster Budget. Budget meetings were also held on Thursday, May 10; Tuesday, May 15; and Wednesday, May 16, 2001. Present at all meetings: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. Absent at all but 4/30 meeting: Councilwoman Bostedor. THE City Council met at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 7, 2001. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: Councilwoman Bostedor. PUBLIC Hearing to consider the Proposed 2001-2002 City of Inkster Budget. CONSENT Calendar item was approved: Minutes from 4/16 Regular meeting. REMOVED Frank Porter from and APPOINTED Deborah Adams to serve on the Cable Commission. APPROVED the following payments: \$5,369.35 to Wade Trim; \$30,600.00 to Scoreboard Sales and Service; \$4,000.00 to Motorola; \$2,829.05 to K-Tool Corporation; \$3,803.30 to Wayne County; \$15,000.00 and \$2,000.00 to Willis Corroon. AMEND resolutions 01-4-183, 01-4-159 and RECIND resolution 01 -2-52; June 30, 2000 approved equipment repair/replacement reserve for Brownfield Plan, Fire Department Telephone System and LED Message Board. AUTHORIZED solicitation of sealed bids for sale of excess equipment and phone system at Fire Station; purchase of fifty (50) residential water-\$5,976.75 to Badger Meter Company; purchase sixty-five (65) commercial water meters-\$69,653.00 to Metron Farnier. AWARDED bids to Red Holman Pontiac for \$86,000.00 for dump truck; Giles Auto Body for \$4,914.39 for repair work; Stone's Collision for \$2,476.00 for repair work; Bailey's Lawn Service for \$18,000.00 for horticultural services from May 1 through October 31, 2001; AKT Peerless Environmental Services for \$5,000.00 for Brownfield Plan. AUTHORIZED collocation of antenna and dish at 26427 Trowbridge; 4th Annual Rally/March Against Violence on Saturday, October 13, 2001 for YWCA and support to Dartmouth Square Apartments to submit grant proposal. DENIED Offers to Purchase city-owned property from Freddie & Candice Bishop, Talitha Wells, Billy E. Baker, Ivan Wilcher. APPROVED Arlender D. Morgan to purchase vacant lot for \$1,120.00. Inkster City Council went into Executive Session to discuss sale of property and returned to Open Session. MEETING adjourned at 10:30 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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Romulus Community Schools

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual School Election will be held in the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Monday, June 11, 2001 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Standard Time.

The following vacancies for members of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

TWO (2) FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

Each person voting on the above must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America.
- A registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Lorena Burton Building, 35403 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
6	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
7	Lorena Burton Building, 35403 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
8	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
9	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
10	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
11	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
12	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
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14	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
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17	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
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(* There is no Precinct #6)

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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June 7, 2001

CANTON 6

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PEARL HARBOR (PG-13)

11:30, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00

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11:00, 11:40, 1:00, 1:30, 3:10, 3:30, 5:05,

5:30, 7:05, 7:35, 9:05, 9:35

ANGEL EYES (R)

12:15, 2:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

A KNIGHTS TALE (PG-13)

11:10, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:35

THE MUMMY RETURNS (PG-13)

11:05, 1:30, 4:00, 6:55, 9:25

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday: River Day 2001 at Fellows Creek

All Canton residents are invited to join in on this year's River Day 2001 celebration on Saturday, June 2, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help plant approximately 200-300 trees along Fellows Creek. These stream-bank plantings will provide a number of benefits, including improving the water quality in the creek, providing stream-bank stabilization and enhancing habitat in the area. These benefits go a long way toward raising awareness of the community's goals of enhancing the Rouge River watershed. Younger volunteers will have an opportunity that day to build bird houses.

All volunteers will receive Riv-

er Day T-shirts and lunch will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring shovels and wheelbarrows if possible.

Volunteers can register at the site, which is located at Fellows Creek on Weathersfield Way, south of Warren between Beck and Canton Center.

For more information, call Canton's Public Works Division at 394-5150.

Saturday-Sunday: Westland Democratic Club's Silent Auction

You can start bidding today on hundreds of items — including a Comerica Park suite for a party of 18, Lover's Lane goodies, restaurant certificates — by calling Georgia or Howard Becker at (734) 729-1605. Or go to Central



Kids can model clay at Automotive Hall of Fame this weekend.

City Park, behind the Bailey Center, at Westland City Hall (Ford Road west of Newburgh) from 10 a.m. Saturday to 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Saturday-Sunday: St. John's Episcopal Church's 100th

Celebrate the church's first 100 years in the Wayne-Westland-area with hot dogs, ice cream, and free pony rides. Dance on the driveway Saturday night, from 7 p.m. to dark. Enjoy a free choral concert beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday: Don Nicholson's First Charity Car Show

Don Nicholson's First Annual Charity Car Show will be held at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, near Greenfield Village, on June 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The show features 300 custom cars, a D.A.R.E. police car challenge, and a chance to get on the 2002 Charity Car Show's calendar. All proceeds go to fund special education needs. For more information, call (734) 658-5296.

Saturday-Sunday: Arts, Autos at Auto- motive Hall of Fame

Automotive art - of the traditional and not-so-traditional kind — will be on display at the Automotive Hall of Fame during "Arts and Autos."

Arts and Autos will be held on two days, June 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission to the

Hall of Fame will be free both days. The event will be held in conjunction with Dearborn's 15 Annual Art on the Avenue and Food Festival events.

A highlight of the day will be a Kids "Auto Art" Tent, featuring adult-supervised activities. Young people can try their hand at clay modeling or producing their own unique musical car. Possibilities are endless as pipe cleaners, wheels and stickers transform a plastic kazoo into a hand-sized automobile. There will also be an activity book to take home — full of cars to color and games.

A car cruise will be held on Sunday.

Sunday, June 3: UAW 845 Sixth Annual Car Show

UAW 845 is hosting its Sixth Annual Car Show and Open House at Visteon at 14425 Sheldon Road in Plymouth, on Sunday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This year, all proceeds go Special Olympics.

Sunday, June 3: Westland Summer Concert Series

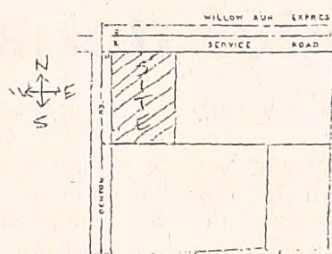
Rambling Country, a country-western band, kicks of the Westland Cultural Societies' free 2001 Summer Concert Series at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, on Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, at 6 p.m., June 3. Attendees are advised to bring their own chairs or blankets. Call 722-7620 for more information.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday June 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-999-00-0008-099, or more commonly known at 49361 S. Service Drive.



The applicant is requesting special use approval to rebuild an existing ATT tower to construct a new 140" wireless communication tower. The subject property is zoned C-1 (Commercial). A special use permit approval is required for a wireless communication facility in the C-1 district if the subject site is located with 300 feet of property that is used for or zoned for residential purposes per section 4.24B of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Posted: May 25, 2001

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on June 19, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1288.02g(3) regarding set back requirements for accessory buildings. The public is invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: May 31, 2001

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 00/01-49

TWO (2) RAM RESCUE TOOLS

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., June 12, 2001. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

BID 00/01-49
TWO (2) RAM RESCUE TOOLS

11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

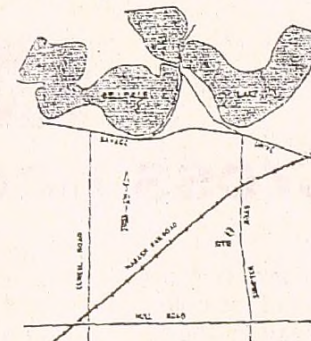
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel with the tax ID number V-125-83-109-00-0011-701, or more commonly known as 548 Sumpter Road. This property is located on the west side of Sumpter Road approximately one half mile north of Hull Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting specialize approval to erect a 150 foot monopole wireless communication tower at the rear of the property approximately 900 feet west of Sumpter Road. The subject property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial District. A special use permit approval is required for a wireless communication facility in the M-1 district if the subject site is located within 300 feet of property that is used for or zoned for residential purposes per section 4.24B of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 11, 2001.

NOTICE is given that at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 11, 2001, there shall be an election of one (1) member to the Board of Education of the District for a full term of 4 years, ending June 30, 2005. The following person has been nominated to fill the one 4-year term vacancy:

Ralph A. Nodwell

NOTICE is further given that any person intending to run as a write-in candidate at the Annual Election must file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official in the School District on or before 4:00 p.m., on Friday, June 8, 2001. The Declaration of Intent may be obtained from and filed with the office of the Superintendent, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, Michigan. The Board of Election Inspectors shall not count a write-in vote for any person unless that person has filed the Declaration of Intent.

All School electors registered with the City or Township Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

The Polls of Election will be open at
7 o'clock a.m. and close at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Places of Voting will be:

Precinct 1	Belleville High School (Auditorium Lobby) 501 W. Columbia Avenue Belleville, MI 48111	Precinct 4	Elwell Elementary School 17601 Elwell Road Belleville, MI 48111
Precinct 2	North Middle School 47097 McBride Belleville, MI 48111	Precinct 5	Haggerty Elementary School 13770 Haggerty Road Belleville, MI 48111
Precinct 3	Rawsonville Elementary School 3110 Grove Road Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Precinct 6	Tyler Elementary School 42200 Tyler Road Belleville, MI 48111

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw.

Ralph A. Nodwell, Secretary
Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools

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June 7, 2001

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 00/01-50

ONE STATIONARY CONTAINMENT FILL STATION

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BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

BID 00/01-50
ONE STATIONARY CONTAINMENT FILL STATION

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ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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Belleville murder amazingly similar to Rochester Hills case

Tough teen Dustin Gordon put a bullet between his 12-year-old sister's two eyes while the two were arguing in his bedroom. Two weeks ago he was found guilty of second degree murder. This week Circuit Judge Sean Cox is expected to hand his sentencing decision down and we have editorialized that the judge give this unremorseful kid life.

While most of us are horrified at the cold-hearted murder, it doesn't go without precedent. In fact, just 50-miles away in the affluent suburb of Rochester Hills, the Oakland County Circuit Court is dealing with a case so similar, you would think Gordon and the teen murderer there had compared notes.

Michael Conat, now 19, murdered his 12-year-old sister Laura, in the family's living room two years ago. He used a gun belonging to his father, and put one bullet between the eyes of his sister, killing her instantly.

Conat, like Gordon, is the product of a well-to-do family. His father is a Southfield police officer and his mother, a school teacher. His parents, Gary and Linda Conat, have visited him frequently in jail and were in court every step of the way.

Conat, like Gordon, told others he was going to kill his sister. As in the Gordon case, those teens never bothered to report the threats and conversations. The day of the murder, Conat fastened a plastic pop bottle over the barrel of the gun, hoping to use it as a silencer.

Like Gordon, Conat hid evidence after the shooting and then waited twenty minutes before he placed a call for help. To this day, Conat has refused to give a reason why he decided his sister didn't deserve to live.

Judge Cox and those in his courtroom

heard an amazingly similar account when Gordon's trial was conducted a couple of weeks ago.

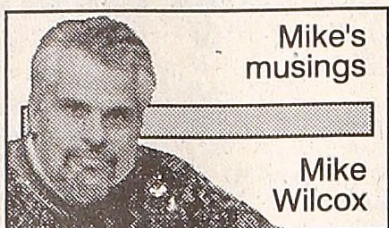
The gun-toting Gordon told everyone that would listen that he was going to kill his sister. After watching a violent movie with his girlfriend in his third-floor bedroom, Gordon pulled the trigger on his sister.

Afterwards, he attempted to clean the blood up, and somehow managed to hide the gun near the Belleville Lake shoreline that bordered the Gordon property. All this occurred while his father was downstairs.

Neither Gordon or Conat have shown much remorse. They are products of a society that condones violence and drugs. I take that back—in the circles in which Gordon ran, peers not only condoned violence, sex and drugs—but worshiped the three sins.

Television, music, and video games gave them ready access to the violence they craved. Drugs and sex were provided by the older hangers-on that prey outside the gates of learning. Temptation was just too great, and in the case of Dustin, he got caught up in it to the point that it was his only world—the real world.

Some might say I am making too much of an isolated incident. But, Conat proves that there are others that have followed the same path. The temptations are youth face these day are far greater than they were five, ten or twenty years ago. As parents and adults we must work harder to keep our children safe.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

S & P evaluations flunk the test

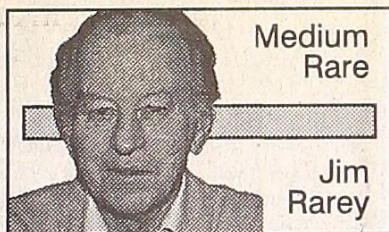
Which came first, the chicken or the egg? That seems to be the crux of the argument over school testing.

To use another cliché, who has the cart before the horse? Should teachers take time out from the regular curriculum to prepare students for MEAP tests or should the tests cover what is taught throughout the year?

The answer to that question seems obvious but many parents are confused and concerned. That's because there is no clear understanding of what is being tested and what is being taught.

Despite continual pleas for more involvement of parents in the schools, neither parents nor teachers really have much to say about the curriculum. That is dictated from Lansing and Washington, D.C. About the only way parents can really find out what their children are being taught would be to sit in the classroom day after day.

As for the tests themselves, it apparently would take a court order to allow the public to see the complete tests after they have been taken and graded.



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

That there is a disconnect between the testing and the regular curriculum is not in dispute. Otherwise there would be no complaints about taking time out to prepare for the tests.

Remember back in the "good old days" when the teacher would cover a chapter or two in the textbook and then give a test on that content? After the tests were graded, they were sent home for the parents to see. Everyone knew what was being taught and tested.

Is that possible today? Yes, but it isn't going to happen unless parents take back control of their schools. Today, tests are prepared and graded by mega-corporations and the results can send a student to summer school or determine other remedial steps. How they can assign a grade to questions that require an opinion from the student is a secret not yet divulged.

divulged.

The state has established rewards and punishments based on test results, and the Congress is set to establish national standards that will determine whether states and local school districts will get "federal" money.

To further confuse the situation, one of the bond rating "gurus," Standard and Poors, has developed a school "evaluation" service that claims to provide valid comparisons among individual schools and districts.

The State of Michigan will be spending \$2 million a year for the service. After wading through a welter of statistics and formulas, one arrives at a chart that purports to show how much extra money must be spent per pupil to raise MEAP composite scores in individual districts by one percentage point.

That is ludicrous. If money were the answer, the schools in the nation's capital would be the best, not the worst.

Let's decide first what should be taught and then tailor the tests to measure that curriculum.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Red Cross needs disaster relief donations

To the editor:

The tornadoes of this week are as much a reminder of the potentially damaging weather season we're entering as they are a reminder that disaster can strike anyone anytime.

Over the last few months the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross has seen an unusually high number of incidents that have kept our Disaster Action Teams busy. Most of these have been of the low-profile varieties that have received little media attention.

When disaster strikes, the Red Cross moves into action, providing shelter, food, clothing and counseling to victims of not only things like fires and tornadoes but floods, power outages and winter storms as well. Nationally, we can add

hurricanes, earthquakes and mass evacuation situations to that list.

All of this adds up to a great deal of money to provide for the fundamental needs of millions of people nationally, victims of some 67,000 disasters every year. In our last fiscal year, over \$27 million was spent from the National Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to help disaster victims. During this time, however, only \$16 million was taken in through donations.

This has created a situation where the Disaster Relief Fund is at a perilously low level. One very large and very expensive disaster could potentially wipe out that fund very quickly. For a non-governmental, volunteer-driven, donation-supported organization like the Red Cross it becomes essential to remind the public about

our mission and the need to support the Red Cross.

Two reasons are primary for the difference between Disaster Relief Fund expenditures and revenues for the past fiscal year: 1) A prevalence of low-profile but very expensive disasters, most of which escaped media coverage; and 2) several long and drawn out disasters, which have been sources of constant financial drain. Three prime examples of this latter reason are the flooding of the Mississippi River, the winter storms in the Northeast, and last year's wildfires out west.

People must know that the need for aid to the Red Cross is real. In order for our Disaster Action Teams to meet the mission of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, to turn caring into action by pro-

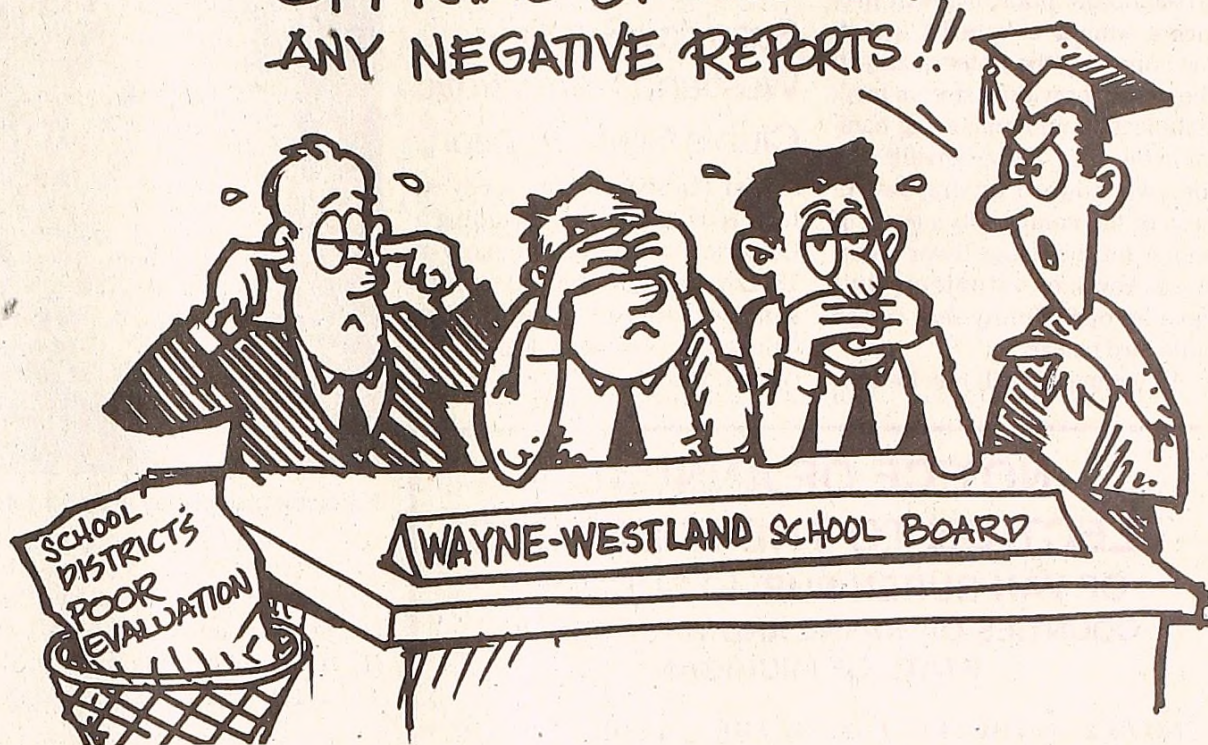
viding disaster relief, and to protect human life and dignity we must make significant investments in our equipment, training and public education to continue to ensure our ability to respond.

Whether disaster has touched you or not, it might happen tomorrow, and the Red Cross promises to be there for you. We need people to step up and support the Red Cross now more than ever:

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American Red Cross

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Who's afraid of a little ice

It took 2.5 hours to sink the *Titanic* in the spring of 1912. As the film-going public knows, the British luxury liner was on its maiden voyage, sailing 2,224 people from Southampton, England, to New York City.

About 400 miles south of Newfoundland, it got the worst of a collision with an iceberg. The ship's double-bottomed hull, constructed of 16 watertight compartments, previously thought to be unsinkable, was soon taking in more water than a Westland basement in a thunderstorm.

Before rescuers could fish out the survivors from the icy Atlantic, about 1,500 voyagers had left this world to join the fish.

Given the cruise company's belief that the *Titanic* was unsinkable, there were only 1,178 lifeboat spots for the 2,224 passengers. That lack of planning doomed the victims.

I was reminded of this ancient disaster by a recent disaster in our parts — Standard & Poor's evaluation of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The state of Michigan hired Standard & Poor's, a Wall Street firm specializing in rating stocks and bonds, to try its hand at valuing the state's public school districts.

Based on six factors — student performance, spending, bang for the buck spent, classroom setting, financial management, and socioeconomic characteristics of the community — the firm analyzed all of the state's districts and compared them.

The Wayne-Westland disaster was its low place on Standard & Poor's totem pole.

"Relative to other K-12 school districts in Michigan, Wayne-Westland Community School District generates well below-average student results with comparatively high spending," begins Standard & Poor's summary. "The district's



Ivan Helfman

spending per student is moderately above the state average but lower than the average of a group of peer districts with similar demographic characteristics.

"In addition to being well below the state average, the district's overall student results are considerably lower than the average of demographically similar peer districts."

In describing the district's flaws, Standard & Poor's repeated used two words that could describe the plight of *Titanic* victims: well below.

The district scored well below the average MEAP passing rate. Well below the average MEAP grade 11 excelling rate. Well below the average ACT participation rate. Well below the average graduation rate.

Yet the district spent well above the average on operations and maintenance.

Just like the *Titanic's* crew, which was in denial about their ship's vulnerability, the district's crew — those in the administration and those on the school board — are in denial about the district's vulnerability.

If the *Titanic* was vulnerable to icebergs, the district is vulnerable to progressive education.

Let me explain. Progressive education, pioneered early in the 20th century, allows students to forgo the hard work of memorizing knowledge and understanding concepts for the fun of playing games (hands-on learning in the progressive jargon). Carrying their delusion to the extreme, progressive educators have argued that medical stu-

dents need not memorize the names and locations of vital organs.

In the lower elementary school grades, progressive educators disdain the traditional teachings of phonic reading (sounding out words) and basic arithmetic (counting). Instead, they teach reading by sight and mathematics by finger counting ("manipulatives" in educator jargon).

Seventy-five years and 200 million failures later, these methods are being used in Wayne-Westland, unlike in the countries whose students finish in the top 10 in international tests.

In the Third International Math and Science Study of 1995, students in the two countries who relied on progressive education — England and the United States — finished way back in the pack.

Shocked by the fiasco, England in 1996 switched back to traditional teaching methods. The United States didn't. Guess what? In last year's Fourth International Study, England moved up to fourth while the United States remained behind some third world countries.

I find American public schools and Wayne-Westland's commitment to progressive education no different than the *Titanic* crew's faith in its unsinkable hull's invulnerability to icebergs. I see a similarity between Wayne-Westland's avoidance of phonics and basic arithmetic to the *Titanic* crew's avoidance of lifeboats.

If Wayne-Westland continues to spend all of its money on computers and other progressive fads at a rate well above the state's average, it will do no better than those shipmates who chose to rearrange the *Titanic's* furniture.

And many of the district's graduates — who, though Standard & Poor's neglected to say — are as potentially gifted as any in the state, could, like the *Titanic's* passengers, could sink without a trace.



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Caution around large trucks may save your life

To the editor:

Despite rising gas prices, it's estimated that more than 2 million people will be traveling Michigan roadways over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Passenger vehicles will be filled with happy families getting a jumpstart on summer vacation. As a Michigan law enforcement official, my wish is that it stays happy for all.

Unfortunately, each year people die in traffic accidents — more often on holiday travel weekends compared to non-holiday weekends. Drivers need to slow down and use common sense when they're behind the wheel. As a driver, they are in control of a very

powerful force that needs the utmost respect.

Another set of drivers who are in control of an even more powerful force are truck drivers. They are responsible on a daily basis to move our economy in the form of groceries, gasoline, furniture, cars, and almost every other consumer good that we consume or use. Most of them have families, too.

But the fact is, sometimes cars and trucks collide. As chairman of the Michigan Truck Safety Commission, I believe that almost all accidents between passenger vehicles and big rigs could be avoided if drivers knew more about the physical limitations of trucks and

followed these two simple safety tips:

Big rigs have large blind spots: Passenger car drivers are asked to avoid staying in a trucker's blind spots for long periods of time because the truck driver will not be able to see the car. Blind spots generally are directly in front and in back of the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side, and over the driver's left-hand shoulder. It's best to remember — if you cannot see the truck driver's face in the truck's mirrors, he or she probably can't see you.

Trucks make wide turns: Trucks generally swing out a bit because they need more space to

avoid a curb or oncoming traffic especially when making right-hand turns. Cars are encouraged to hang back and let the truck complete the turn so they don't get squeezed.

Everyone can do their part to avoid crashes, and keep families safe. Let's all try harder to slow down, be courteous and share the road.

Sincerely,
Captain Robert Powers
Commander,
Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division Chairman,
Michigan Truck Safety Commission

Barbaric to talk about destroying Ryan's

To the editor

Hi again.

Though I, of course, do not know, personally, what is true and what isn't, I am still very interested and very concerned about Courcilman Godbout's comments at the last council meeting. The strong-felt remark about how certain people are trying, in effect, to run Ryan's restaurant out-of-town.

If this is true, I respect Mr. Godbout for bringing it to the attention of everyone. Not that I am into restaurants that much, one way or the other. I am more into going out for coffee and reading a paper or talking to strangers from all walks of life.

I just find it interesting that whether it is a business or just someone that someone doesn't like, that this running people out of town crap still exists in a so-called democratic, so-called diverse, and so-called progressive city.

Don't you?

How barbaric, disgusting, and nauseating is this out-of-town-on-a-rail concept. (Sounds like a new recipe name).

It's funny how I have fond memories of Ryan's. When Curt and I were on our last dollar, desperately seeking a way to survive when we first came to this area, there was a waitress at Ryan's in Taylor named Tina, who dropped everything she was doing just to

pray for us.

I had mentioned to her how we had been betrayed by two people whom we trusted and were left to fend for ourselves. Tina prayed that we would quickly find a place to live.

The next day, while we were looking through job and rental ads at the Airport Cafe, in Romulus, later re-named Granny's Cafe, a second waitress, named Judy, came up to us at our booth, and, while she was pouring our coffee, she referred us to a place where she used to live, where we have resided ever since.

Anyway, my point is that I will never forget Ryan's, though we were only there twice — and it was in Taylor, not Westland — nor will we forget Tina, who seemed to take us into another surreal world.

The noise of the clanking dishes and loud voices faded away as she prayed over our table in what seemed to be total silence, save for the sound of her calm and soothing voice. Tears, fatigue, and weakness were replaced with new strength and Peace.

It was good to know that someone, at long last, really cared about us. A few days later, after we signed a new lease, we went back out to that Ryan's restaurant to put in a good word for Tina.

I will never forget her name and her kindness. Neither will I

forget Judy, who helped us find a place that would allow our large dog, Missy. I couldn't help but wonder if the speedy resolution of our problems was due to the prayer of our very special Ryan's waitress. That was in the fall of 1996.

But, of course, fond memories are not what are at stake here. What a bunch of vicious babies, stomping their pudgy little feet when they don't get the restaurant of their choice. Like another restaurant is needed, anyway. How much food do people need?

I would rather hear about building a downtown area, complete with early-morning joggers zipping past cute sidewalk cafes, bistros, health food stores, antique shops, museums, art galleries, import stores, fountains flowing into koi-filled ponds, surrounded by statues, clock towers that play Westminster Chimes, stained glass windows, etc. And, of course, bike lanes everywhere.

But if we must build only restaurants, try a Fresh Choice restaurant with a million delicious, deluxe salads. Sometimes, I feel that people here think that a salad is just lettuce, which they discouragingly refer to as rabbit food. Try topping a salad with crab meat or olives or a zillion combinations of fruits and vegies.

Moving along, I also respect Mr. Godbout for saying that he didn't want Warren Road to turn into a

restaurant row, in effect. Perhaps I have misjudged him. Time will tell. But, he did stand up for the values in which he believed. It seems that his only issue wasn't just about meatless spaghetti sauce. I salute you Mr. Godbout. Westland needs people who tell the Truth, a word that I always spell with capital letters.

I was also wondering if Mr. Godbout is losing weight. He looks that way to me. Maybe it is just the large suit. If weight has been lost, good going! I suspect that he might be on a low-cholesterol diet because of the meatless spaghetti sauce remark. Whatever, again, good going!

On another note, I wish that those who like 50's, 60's, and 70's music would start writing the paper to help organize street dances for Westland. And, thanks to Ben E. Jet for his article about freebie dances outside of Westland. I wish he would influence Westland's activity officials!

I would also like to hear success stories from those who have overcome illnesses and weight problems. Whether healthy and trim, overly-thin and anorexic, or horribly obese. I would also like to hear from mentors who can educate us all on proper diet and overall health.

Bye for now,
Angela Frances Todd

'I'll pull the switch' on the FBI traitor

Letter to the editor:

The death penalty argument continues unabated. Even McVeigh would be given a pass by many. Knowing 168 died in the Oklahoma bombing, many more injured, many families devastated by the blast, and many millions of dollars in property ruined, Timothy McVeigh's execution suggests to many that it isn't the best in logic to kill as he did.

And now we are faced with the unthinkable betrayal of former FBI agent Robert Hanssen and what is to be done after indictment and conviction have been accomplished. I'll pull the switch.

As horrendous, vicious, and stupid as McVeigh's way to "right" conditions in the United States, Hanssen's 15-year career as a spy for our decades-long enemy, the Bear, may be seen one day as an

action more likely to put all our people at risk, to accomplish the demise of our land and its people.

Hanssen's spying puts all 270 million United States citizens at risk. Who can tell now how much damage this mother of traitors has caused. As hateful and stupid as McVeigh's bombing was, it is believed the man somehow came to believe that Waco and other wacko events could be corrected

or at least atoned for with the Oklahoma bombing.

Hanssen, not so perverted in the McVeigh sense, is just an outright traitor. No axe can be found in his writings and mutterings to suggest that our land has been unfair to him.

I would pull the switch.
Regards,
Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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To the qualified Electors of the Westwood Community School District, of the City of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Heights and the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School Election will be held in the above mentioned School District on Monday, the 11th day of June, 2001, for the following purpose:

TO ELECT TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID DISTRICT FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2001 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2005, FOR WHICH THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN NOMINATED:

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock a. m. until 8:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing local time; that said election will be conducted by the Secretary of the Board of Education; and, that the voting precincts and polling places will be the same as those in the City or portion of the City which includes the School District, the same being as follows:

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TIMOTHY T. EMERY
Secretary, Board of Education
Westwood Community School District

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It's do-or-die on district ball diamonds

Playoffs are scheduled for June 2

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

While Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial slugged it out on Tuesday to determine which of the two Westland-Wayne Community District High Schools would be represented at the district playoffs, Plymouth-Salem, Plymouth-Canton, Romulus, and Belleville drew first-round byes and advanced directly to their districts tournaments.

The district titles will be decided June 2.

Wayne and Glenn split a dou-

bleheader earlier this month. Wayne won the opener, 13-3, and Glenn came back to take the second game, 10-0. But the Tuesday meeting at Glenn will decide more than the baseball's bragging rights in the district; the winner will advance to play for the district championship, while the losers may have to place their uniforms in mothballs until next year.

The winner of Tuesday's pre-district between Glenn and Wayne will advance to play district fa-

vorite, Garden City, in the first round of the playoffs at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Glenn.

In the other bracket, Livonia Franklin squares off with crosstown rival, Churchill, in a game scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The district championship at John Glenn will be decided at 3 p.m.

In the meantime, Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem could possibly meet to decide the championship at Novi.

Novi was to play Northville on Tuesday in a pre-district game. The winner of that clash will qualify to play Dale Rumberger's Rocks at 10 a.m. on the Novi High School diamond.

The second game will pit Plymouth-Canton against South Lyon.

The district title at Novi will be decided at 2 p.m.

Romulus and Belleville got a free ticket to the district playoffs at Taylor Kennedy.

Kennedy had to beat city rival, Truman, Tuesday to qualify for the district tournament they are hosting. The winner of the Kennedy-Truman match up plays at 10 a.m. on Saturday against coach Keith Brothers' Eagles of Romulus.

In the second game, Belleville and Lincoln Park meet at 12:45. It is the first meeting between first-year coach Chris Dessellier's Tigers and coach Tom Noland's Railsplitters.

In their latest encounter, Belleville came off the diamond with an impressive 7-0 victory. Noland may not be in the manager's box when the two play this time around.

Reportedly, the 800-game winner has been suspended for two games.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud, which drew a pre-district round bye, will also see action on June 2 against host, Lutheran Westland. The two teams play at 12:30 p.m.

In the earlier game, it will be Flat Rock vs. Clarenceville.

The championship at Lutheran Westland will be decided at 2 p.m.

Duframe 3-hits Lincoln Park as Tigers win, 7-0

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville's Derrick Duframe twirled a three-hit gem as Coach Chris Dessellier's Tigers avenged an earlier loss to downriver power, Lincoln Park, 7-0, in a Mega Conference, Red Division, baseball rematch last week.

Duframe, a junior righthander, was in control all the way. He picked up his third victory, while striking out four and allowing only one batter to reach base on balls.

"It was an excellent victory for this ball club," said Dessellier, who brought the curtains down on his first regular season as Belleville's head coach. "Lincoln Park had beaten us earlier this year, and the kids decided that this one was going to be theirs."

Belleville's Brent Zeestraden drilled a two-run double in the opening inning that set the tempo for the game. Teammate Keith McLaughlin singled Brent home.

Two Lincoln Park pitchers gave up a total of five hits - singles to R. J. Grimes and Mark Maclean, but they also issued eight walks which were instrumental in their demise.

In a thriller that didn't end the way Dessellier and the Tigers had planned, Monroe rallied for three runs off of losing pitcher R. C. Linzell to edge Belleville, 5-3, in their final Mega-Red encounter for the 2001 season.

"We gave this one away," said the rookie Belleville coach. "Monroe scored three unearned runs in their fifth to pull it out. Until then, we were in control."

Linzell gave up four hits, struck out four and walked two in taking the loss.

The Tigers wasted Zeestraden's homer, which cleared the left field fence, and single, in the loss.

Belleville's Nathan Gabrys also collected two hits in three at-bats, while Duframe, Phil Meadows, and Joe Szarzk each chipped in with a bunt single.

Belleville put a ribbon around a 2-10 Mega-Red and a 4-17 overall season which disappointed their first year coach.

"To be honest I expected more from my ball club," said Dessellier, whose Tigers drew a first-round bye in the districts and will get another look at Lincoln Park in the June 2 playoffs. (See related story on this page.)

Dessellier added that he believes his team will be ready for the playoffs because "the team, in general, has improved. The Lincoln Park and Monroe games show that we have the potential to win against experienced ball clubs, if we don't allow the losing to get us down."

Other teams vying for the district championship include Taylor Kennedy and Taylor Truman, and Romulus.

Paling signs with Hillsdale College

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Hillsdale College will receive the services from one of the area's premier softball players this fall.

Wayne Memorial school officials announced this week that Amy Paling, who starred for the Zebras on the diamond during the

past four seasons, has signed a letter of intent to play softball at Hillsdale.

Paling is a rare four-year starter as an infield/outfielder at Wayne Memorial. She was an unanimous All-Mega Conference pick and is considered one of the finer all-around athletes in the area.



"On Ice"

The talented Jazzettes, pictured above, will be representing the City of Wayne and the Wayne Recreation Department at the World's Ice Skating Institute Invitational. The invitational will be staged in Dublin, Ohio, later this month. To help finance the Wayne Figure Skating Club's trip to this prestigious competition, the Booster Club is sponsoring a car wash to raise funds to defray costs. The car wash will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on June 9 in the Kmart Parking Lot, on Wayne Road and Cherry Hill in the City of Westland. Donations are appreciated, boosters said. For more information contact the recreation offices at 734-721-7400.

Inkster posts winning season in girls' softball

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Not only did they win their first-ever softball game, but Inkster High's sealed its first winning season in the sport with a sweep of both ends of a doubleheader with natural rivals, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, last week.

The Vikings clobbered Robichaud 13-2 in the opener, then "mercied" the Bulldogs, 24-4, in the nightcap to boost their overall record to 9-5 on the year. With only two games left on their schedule the Vikings have assured themselves of a winning season.

"It's my understanding that this is the school's first winning season in softball," said Inkster Coach Ron Bailey, who took over the program this spring after serving as head coach for the past two years

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Coach Ron Bailey

at Bishop Borgess. "We have a lot of dedicated young athletes who are working very hard to prove that we can be winners."

A Mega-Conference, Gold Division ball club, Inkster has defeated River Rouge (14-7), Dearborn Fordson (16-6, 24-3), Highland Park (27-11) and Robichaud (13-2, 24-4) but was defeated by Romulus (12-11, 13-12), Highland Park (13-12), and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (9-8).

Bailey has three young and promising pitchers who have been doing an exceptional job this season. Robin Arbenowsc has won four of her seven starts on the mound. Teammate Tiffany Smith

is 4-2, while Toni Robinson is 1-0 on the year.

Bailey has a capable backstop-slugger in all-around athlete Deedee Murphy, who is having an exceptional year. The Viking infield is made up of Robinson, Britany Evans, Tawana Redd and Latonya Redd.

Outfielders include Carena Easley, Dominique Whitner, Shameka Langston and Lelia Gaines.

Bailey's lineup also includes Tiffany Collins, Sophia Wilkes, Evelyn Heath, and Ruth Baker.

Bailey, who coached at Detroit Osborne before moving over to Borgess, said that softball has a great future at Inkster.

"We have some very talented and up-and-coming players here," Bailey said. "I really feel that next year we will be a force to be reckoned with."

Dethroned: Romulus runs second in Mega-White track

Champs are on a rollercoaster

Romulus, a defending state champ in track & field, finished second to Dearborn Edsel Ford at the annual Mega Conference, White Division, Track & Field Championships staged last week.

"We've had a roller coaster kind of season," said Romulus Coach Norb Glover. "When we were at

full strength, we could run with anyone, but because these kids had so many after-school activities, we just couldn't get our act together this season."

Glover said that one other hurdle that his team had "an extremely difficult time to clear was the fact that his team had won the (state) title last year, and it was very difficult to motivate them."

The Eagles qualified two of their relay teams for the June 2 state finals. The state championships will be held at Forest

Hills, in Grand Rapids. Romulus will be represented by its 400 and the 800-meter relay teams. Both teams finished runners-up to Ypsilanti at the regionals.

Glover picked Charles Searcy, Michael Woods, Daniel Jarrett and Fred Harbor for the 400, and the foursome combined for a 43.9 for the silver.

Searcy, Woods, Jarrett and Harbor came back in the 800-meters and turned in an effort of 1:29.8. The Braves of Ypsilanti captured the gold in both of the speed relay events.

4 medals, 3 golds for Beasley

Romulus High sprinter Patrice Beasley turned in a superlative performance at the regionals, sweeping the speed events and helping her teammates win a medal as the anchor in the 800-meter relay.

Beasley was unbeatable in the 100, 200, 400-meter dashes. She

led the pack to the wire in the 100 as she turned in a 12.6 effort. She picked up a gold in the 200 with a 22 second burst across the finish line, then swept the dashes with an exciting 59.1 effort in the 400-meters.

"She's just a tremendous talent," said Coach Wade Cook, who was drafted as the track coach this spring after a successful season as head football coach.

Beasley also teamed up with Crystal Austin, Shapree Lee and Dana Noble to finish second in the 800-meter relay at the region-

al.

Beasley will lead the local delegation to the state finals to be held on Saturday.

On Tuesday, Cook's Eagles came back and captured their 2001 Mega-Gold Track & Field title. Romulus posted a 36-point victory over its closest rival, Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The Eagles compiled 175 points for first place, followed by Annapolis (139), Redford Thurston (133), Inkster (67), River Rouge (49), Highland Park (22), Melvindale (15) and Willow Run.

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Western Lakes soccer Canton, Salem place 10 on All-Stars

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Runners-up in their divisions, Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem each placed five players on the 2001 Western Lakes All-Conference and All-Division girls' soccer teams.

Canton, with a 3-1 record, lost its bid for the Western Division title to Northville. The Mustangs won the divisional title with a perfect 5-0 record.

Canton was second-best (3-1), while Livonia Churchill (3-2), Walled Lake Western (2-2), Farmington Hills Harrison (1-4) and

Livonia Franklin (0-5) round out the standings in that division.

Over in the Lakes Division, Livonia Stevenson, thanks to a perfect 5-0 record, claimed the divisional crown. Salem was a victory away (4-1) from the top perch, followed by Farmington (3-2), Westland John Glenn (1-4), Walled Lake Central (1-4) and North Farmington (1-4).

Conference coaches met last week to finalize the lineup of the all-Conference team. They picked two defenders - Dana White, a senior out of Livonia Stevenson, and Emily Carbott, also a senior from Northville, for the honors.

The All-Conference Mid-Fielders are: Michelle Esparza, a senior from Livonia Churchill; Amanda Lentz, a senior from Plymouth-Salem; Lindsay Gusick, a senior from Livonia Stevenson; Lindsay Dunmead, a junior from Northville; Lori Anne DeDomenico, a senior from Farmington; and Marissa Sarkesian, a freshman from Plymouth-Salem.

The 2001 All-Area Forwards are: Melissa Dobbys, a freshman from Livonia Stevenson; Anne Morrell, a senior from Plymouth-Canton; Larisa Fill, a junior from Northville; and Kellee Mullin, a senior from Plymouth-Salem.

The Keeper for the elite club is Jill Dombrowski, a senior from Plymouth-Salem.

The all-Western Division lineup includes defenders Kelly Anderson, a junior from Northville; Meghan Parnell, a junior from Churchill; Jamie Zimmer, a senior from Churchill; Janine Guastella, a senior from Plymouth-Canton; Ashley Aja, a sophomore from Livonia Stevenson; Christina Lewis, a senior from Livonia Stevenson; Katie Beaudoin, a senior from Livonia Stevenson; and Maureen Griffith, a senior from Plymouth-Salem.

Vikings wrap up 4-10 ball season

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Down by 14 runs after three innings, Inkster High exploded for 26 runs in the last three innings and scored a 26-17 victory over Detroit Communications High School in its final baseball, not football, game of the 2001 season.

The victory lifted coach Jerome Orr's Vikings to a 4-10 overall record on the year.

With the unbelievable come-

back just that, "unbelievable", Orr commented that "this is also probably the first time in the school's history that a team rallied after being down by 14 runs to win. Too bad we can't play in the districts."

"This team is really ready to go," Orr added.

Because of past Michigan High School Athletic Association rules infractions, Inkster High School's varsity athletic teams have been ruled ineligible for post-season

tournaments that are organized by the MHSAA for two years.

MHSAA officials promised to review the suspension at the beginning of the 2001-2002 school year.

The Vikings banged out 15 hits against the Detroiters with Kentrail Flicking and Reggie Smith each accounting for four. Flicking strung together three singles and a double, while Smith had a pair of two-baggers and a couple of sin-

gles.

Also getting wood on the ball against Communications were Brandon Dawson and Chris Larkins.

Dawson tripled and doubled in three official at-bats; Larkins also had a two-run double and a single. Ronald Perry chipped in with three walks and a single.

There were no miracles, however, for Inkster against natural rival, Robichaud.

Romulus sets girls' hoop camp dates

Newly-appointed Romulus High girls' varsity basketball coach Rhonda McAllister announced last week that there is a deadline to register for the 2001 Romulus Girls Basketball Camp.

The deadline to sign up is June 10.

The camp will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 25-29 at the Romulus High School Fieldhouse.

Players, in grades 4 to 12, are invited to attend.

"Our goal is to teach and en-

courage correct fundamental skills, while promoting enthusiasm for the game of basketball," said McAllister.

Camp participants will be instructed on the various aspects of the game, including shooting, passing, rebounding skills and they also taught the various techniques needed to learn defense and ball handling.

There is a \$40 registration fee. McAllister said that the June 10 deadline was set in order to properly prepare for the camp.

onship. Belleville was runner-up, and Monroe finished third.

The unofficial point totals are as follows: Dearborn (150), Belleville (113), Monroe (95), Ypsilanti (88), Wyandotte (84), Dearborn Fordson (70), and Wayne Memorial (35).

Wayne did produce a silver medal-winning team.



Rhonda McAllister

Junior golf players attention

Junior golfers will have an opportunity to compete in one of the largest tournaments of its kind when the Wayne County Independent Insurance Agency sponsors its annual Junior Classic.

The classic will be held June 20 at Riverview Highlands Golf Course in Riverview.

Entry forms and additional information may be obtained by calling tournament organizer Dan Mercure at 734-379-9611 or Mary Yurko at 734-284-0942.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on June 19, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1288.03, regarding the location of front doors in residential zones. The public is invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on June 19, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Proposed Budget for FY'01-'02. The public is invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS FOR MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The City of Wayne will hold an election on November 6, 2001, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and to elect three persons to the City Council. A nominating petition and affidavit of identity with Campaign Finance Act Compliance Statement, must be filed with the City Clerk in order for a name to be placed on the ballot. Nominating petition kits are available at the City Clerk's Office. Petitions must be submitted with a minimum of 25 but no more than 50 signatures of registered Wayne voters.

Petitions may be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 19, 2001. Petitions must be withdrawn by 4:00 p.m. on June 22, 2001. If more than two persons file valid petitions for the office of Mayor or more than six persons file valid petitions for the available City Council seats, a Primary Election will be held on September 11, 2001.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, CITY OF INKSTER AND CITY OF DEARBORN, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF COMPUTER AND COMPUTER PROGRAM TESTS FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

There will be an official test of the computer and computer program to be utilized in connection with the Annual School Election of June 11, 2001, of the Westwood Community School District.

The tests will be conducted at the District Administrative Offices, 3335 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125, on Friday, June 8, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. of said day.

Admittance credentials are required and may be obtained from the Secretary, Westwood Board of Education and/or the Elections Clerk of the District. This notice is published pursuant to state Election laws (M.C.L.A. 168.798).

TIMOTHY T. EMERY
Secretary, Board of Education
Westwood Community School District

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC AUCTION

Please be advised that a Public Auction will take place at the Inkster Police Department, 27301 S. River Park Drive at 9 a.m., on

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2001

Inspection of items will take place at 8:30 a.m. Items which will be auctioned may include property confiscated, forfeited or abandoned and surplus items from various city departments.

Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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May 31, 2001

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 2001 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the June 12, 2000 Annual School Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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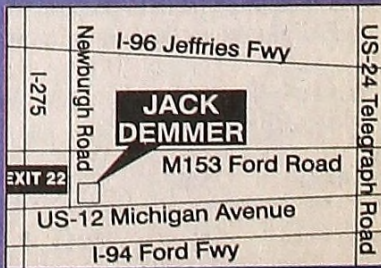


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